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RAINS TO INVADE CUBA

Tough Leader for Tough Job

MIAMI, July 6 (UPI)—Joseph Patrick Hemming, who wears an Australian bush hat and stands 6'5", is a soldier of fortune who looks like one.

Mr. Hemming, a native of Los Angeles, believes his band of guerillas now training in South Florida will help in the ultimate downfall of Fidel Castro's Cuban regime.

The bearded giant, who says he is 24, prefers to use the name "Jerry Patrick" in commanding the Intercontinental Penetration force (Interpen). The gang of guerillas hopes to become useful in boat raids, reconnaissance and setting up underground activity within Cuba.

WAS WITH CASTRO

Mr. Hemming says he was a U. S. Marine for six years, and also was a paratroop instructor with Castro's rebel army in 1958, before defecting.

He says he uses the name Jerry Patrick rather than Hemming "because Latin Americans have trouble pronouncing Hemming."

The Interpen force here and in the everglades consists of 39 men, many of them former members of the Army special forces, Marine reconnaissance groups, and Army paratroops.

Interpen is the paratroop unit of the anti-communist international brigade headed by Frank Fiorini, who fought with Castro but later defected.

Mr. Fiorini claims to have supervised demolition work in California, Vietnam and New York.

Mr. Patrick and his men are boarding homes in a middle class Miami neighborhood.



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Joseph Patrick Hemming, six foot five, may some day lead another invasion of Cuba with a group he's training in Miami. His tattered clothes indicate he's working hard at it.

Six of the 180 paratroopers who participated in the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion last April took part in a parachute exercise near Fort Lauderdale this past week-end.

SELL BLOOD

Mr. Patrick says his Interpen group is supported by small contributions from sympathizers and that they also get money by selling their blood.

"We get \$7 a pint, \$10 if we're lucky," he said. "But we can't sell too much because of our training schedule."

Mr. Fiorini claims that an entire American Legion chapter in a North Florida city has offered to join the brigade.

Interpen has very little equipment at present.

Mr. Patrick indicated the trainees were not using weapons which would be a violation of U. S. laws.